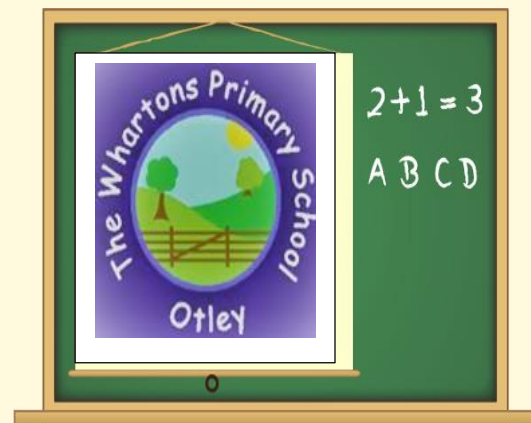


The Whartons' Newsletter

25th November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

The second half of the autumn term started with a flurry of exciting activities; not least the fabulous 'Talent Show' for Children in Need, which our new pupil leaders organized. Everyone had such a great day. There were over 45 acts in the show ranging from magic to dancing, Yoga to joke telling. Every child who wanted to perform did so with great confidence and bravery. Thank you for all your kind donations. Together we raised over £220 whilst enjoying ourselves, thinking about how to help other children around the country and celebrating our children's many talents. Well done everyone.



Assembly Themes

This half term we have been considering how we celebrate differences at The Whartons, embrace what makes us all different and the same, whether through our different hobbies, beliefs or celebrations.

Well done to our 'Best I Can Be' certificate winners who shared their work or great learning behaviours with the school in Friday Assemblies. Their work will be displayed on our Writer and Mathematician of the Week display boards

Reception – Barnaby M, Astrid O

Year 1 – Elsie B, Sam M, Grace M & Chiron D

Year 2 – Ethan M, Freddie W, William S & Mia B **Year 3** – The Whole Class **Year 4** – Lucy P, Oliver T, Una J-C & Oriah N

Year 5 – Joshua L, Lottie S, Thomas H & Freddy E-W

Year 6 – Elise F, Lucas M, Ellie W & Alfie H

Living Streets Assembly

We had a visitor from the 'Living Streets' project in assembly last week. Meltem told the children how they could make their own small improvements to the local environment around school, by engaging in the Walk Once a Week (WOW) initiative. Walking at least part of the way to school is good for our health and wellbeing, improves school gates safety and contributes to reducing pollution. As a school, we have enrolled in the WOW scheme, where children can earn badges for walking, scooting, cycling or 'Park and Stride' one journey a week, either to or from school. More details to follow.

Open Days

Earlier in the term we held our second Open Day. During the day, we welcomed many families who are making decisions about which school to choose for their future Reception aged children, starting in September 2020. Our families, who visited on a busy working school day, commented on the fantastic independent learning children in school were engaged in as well as the friendly atmosphere and fabulous manners. I was very proud of everyone. Please remind any families you know, with children who will be starting school in September, to ring for a tour of school.

- **Pupil leaders**
- **Year 3 Class**
- **Bikeability**

Pupil Leaders

The children all took part in voting in the new Pupil Leaders and their deputies last week. Well done to all the Y6 children who wrote and presented their manifestos for all the other children in assembly.

Voting was very close. Congratulations to Ellie S-P & Michael B who were successful candidates for Pupil Leader and Evie C & Austin D who were voted in to the post of deputy pupil leaders.

The pupil leaders have already been proactive and have spent this week organizing the Talent Show for Children in Need. Everyone is very excited about our fundraising event.



Year 3 Assembly

We were transported back in time to Ancient Rome by the Year 4 class Assembly. We got to meet Pharaoh, Charlotte and her slaves, scribes and embalmers as well as the famous archaeologist Howard - Ella – Carter. We were treated to singing and dancing as well as an attempt to Mummify Noah (obviously harder than the Egyptian Embalmers made it look). To round off the proceedings Finlay challenged us to a game of 'Who wants to be an Egyptian Millionaire?' to test if we had been listening. A very informative and entertaining assembly. Well Done Year 4.



Bikeability

It is important to encourage children to adopt healthy life styles. Cycling to school, or at the weekend for fun and exercise, is a great way of keeping fit and is also beneficial to the environment. These life skills will support Year 6 if they decide to cycle to Secondary school next year. I know many of our children are keen cyclists already and others are enthusiastic to cycle more. It is however, hugely important that if children are to ride on the roads, along with other road users, they have to understanding the importance of keeping their bikes in good working order and making sure they have the appropriate lights and reflectors which enable them to be seen by other road users.

Children also need to learn how to ride safely on the roads; when to make clear maneuvers and which standard signals they need to use.

With this in mind we managed again this year to secure Bikeability training for all Y6 children. The children really enjoyed their 'Bikeability' training days earlier this half term. They were tested by the weather at times but successfully learned, through playground training then road riding, the necessary skills to check their bikes for roadworthiness and ride with confidence and awareness . All children gained Level 1 or 2 certificates.



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Diary Dates

Tues 26th Nov-Yr 6 Trip to Eden Camp

Thurs 28th Nov-Yr 3,4 & 5 Trip to the Pantomime

Saturday 30th Nov-Otley Victorian Fayre

Sat 7th Dec – Christmas Fayre 2-4pm

Mon 9th Dec – PTA Meeting 7.30am

Tues 10th Dec – KS1 Xmas Practice at Bridge St Church

Weds 11th & Fri 13th Dec-Secret Santa Stall

Thurs 12 Dec- Pop Xmas Tree Festival

Weds 18th Dec-Xmas Dinner & KS1 Xmas

Productions 1.30pm & 6pm

Thurs 19th Dec – KS2 Xmas Production 6pm-
Bridge Street Church

Fri 20th Dec-Xmas Party Day & Last Day of Term

Visiting Photographer

Last Friday we spent a fantastic morning showing Joanna Richie, a professional photographer, all around our great school. The children really enjoyed sharing some of their exciting learning with Joanna. They showed her around the outdoor classroom and told her about how they use the facilities to explore the wildlife area; they demonstrated some of the play equipment around the grounds (having great fun splashing around in their wellies) and they took her on a tour of school during a busy working day. Joanna captured the children doing what our children do best - making learning engaging, creative and fabulous fun. It will be lovely to display the photos for parents and visitors to school.



Rules. Rights. Routines and Responsibilities Week

As part of this term's Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) focus on 'Celebrating Differences', and to coincide with Anti Bullying week, we ran a Rules, Rights, Responsibilities and Routines themed week. Through assemblies and class sessions, all the children revisited the school's Golden Rules. They discussed and created posters to show how each rules might look at different times and in different areas of school. The children considered different scenarios where conflicts might occur. Through drama techniques, they considered how they could work together to help solve disputes using restorative practices. The children thought about times and reasons why bullying may occur and how these could be addressed by the whole school community. At the end of the week children gathered their feelings about behaviours around school and captured these on class graphs. It was pleasing to learn that children felt safe and happy at school and knew where to go for help. Our next step is to introduce Peer Mentors at lunch and playtimes who will work with the learning mentor to support children and resolve minor disputes.



A final Note:

I hope everyone enjoyed the disco on Friday. Thanks to Mrs Boyle and the Parents Association for organising
Julia Dickson